



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 10, 2025

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



*We're back in our beautifully restored church—and just in time for Back to School Sunday!*

*Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and joy as we return to this sacred space.*

*Celebrate with us after the 9:30 a.m. service with Kona Ice as we kick off a new year of worship, learning, and life together at St. John's!*

## PIC OF THE WEEK:

Welcome Home!

*Have a Pic of the Week?  
We'd love to feature it!  
Email your photo to  
Dcn. Caroline at  
cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org.*

## THIS FRIDAY: A JOYFUL MOMENT FOR ST. JOHN'S

This Friday, August 15, on the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, Deacon Caroline Devitt will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's. Ordinations are rare and sacred moments in the life of the Church —this one especially so for our parish. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this joyful celebration. Thanks be to God!



*Ordination*  
of  
**The Rev. Caroline Devitt**  
to the Sacred Order of Priests

**Friday, August 15 | 6:00 p.m.**  
**St. John's**

All are welcome to attend this joyful celebration.

## Worship at St. Johns

**Sundays:** Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | \*Rite II at 9:30 a.m. | Parish Hall

*Sunday School and Children's Chapel are paused for the summer*

*\*Livestream Options: Website | Facebook | YouTube*

**Wednesdays & Thursdays:** Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. | Chapel  
*The Chapel of the Resurrection, located in the courtyard, is open 24/7 for prayer*

## Need a Nametag?

Wearing your nametag each Sunday helps us connect. Keep it in your car so it's always with you!

*If you need one, email Donna Gem at  
dgem@stjohnstampa.org.*

# SUPPORT CORNERSTONE KIDS BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

Help us raise \$1,200 to provide backpacks and school supplies for 35 children.

Give online (QR Code - *Fund: Cornerstone Kids*), place a check in the collection plate (memo: Cornerstone Kids), or drop it off at the Parish Office by **August 17.**

Questions? Contact MC Jenkins at 813.503.4605.

## ADULT FORMATION OFFERINGS

### Tuesday Bible Study (Women's Group) Returns

Resumes **Sept. 9, 10:00–11:15 a.m.** in the Lowry Room (Zoom option available). Studying 1 & 2 Samuel for Normal People by Aaron Higashi. Meets every other Tuesday through Dec. 2. Contact Sharon Stoll at [harpwing@aol.com](mailto:harpwing@aol.com).

### Cursillo Weekend

A 3-day retreat at DaySpring, **Sept. 25–28, 2025**—renew your faith and grow in service. Contact Sharon ([harpwing@aol.com](mailto:harpwing@aol.com)) or Ray ([sssstoll@aol.com](mailto:sssstoll@aol.com)) for details. [cursilloswfla.org](http://cursilloswfla.org)



## FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

**Tue.**  
Zoom

CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)

[tampasal@gmail.com](mailto:tampasal@gmail.com)

06:00 PM

**Wed.**  
Zoom

Wednesday Adult Formation

[parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org)

03:30 PM

**Thurs.**  
Lowry Room

Men's Bible Study & Lunch

[dlrnrcrtpa@verizon.net](mailto:dlrnrcrtpa@verizon.net)

11:45 AM

(Paused for summer - returns Sept. 9th)

**Tue.**  
Lowry Room

Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

[patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com)

10:00 AM

(Paused for summer)

### Support Cornerstone Kids' Back-to-School Drive!



SCAN CODE TO GIVE NOW!

(select Cornerstone Kids from the Fund menu)



Learn more about the

## Altar Guild

at St. John's

You are invited to learn more about this vital ministry that prepares our sanctuary for worship!



## D.R. ADULT MISSION TRIP

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 8–14, 2025

More info: [theddg.org](http://theddg.org)  
Email: [tampasal@gmail.com](mailto:tampasal@gmail.com)



### Save the Date: Adult Mission Trip

Nov. 8–14, 2025 | La Caleta, Dominican Republic

Join St. John's team to help build Iglesia de la Gracia.

Contact Sally Thompson: 813-760-5120 |

[tampasal@gmail.com](mailto:tampasal@gmail.com)

More info: [theddg.org](http://theddg.org)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH @ ST. JOHN'S

Stay connected with us on Instagram:  
@stjohnseyctampa for photos and updates!

Download Youth  
Council Application:



# 2025 ST. JOHN'S YOUTH KICKOFF EVENTS

AUGUST  
17TH

- Mission Trips Presentation - 10:45-11:15 a.m.
- Youth Parents' Meeting - 4:30-5:00 p.m.
- EYC Kickoff: Messy Games Night - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Youth Council Applications Due

### Youth (6th-12th grade):

- Mission Trips Presentation: Sunday, **August 17, 10:45-11:15 a.m.**, Parish Hall – hear from our middle and high school missionaries and enjoy the slideshow!
- Youth Group Kickoff (Messy Games Night): **August 17, 5-7 p.m.**, Parish Hall – dinner included! Dress to get messy and bring a friend.
- Youth Parents' Meeting: **August 17, 4:30-5 p.m.**, Parish Hall – review the fall calendar and complete release forms.

Youth Council Applications (7th-12th grade) are due **August 17**. This EYC leadership team meets monthly during the school year.

### Upcoming Burial Office: Adelaide Few

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adelaide Few, who died October 18, 2024. A service will be held Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's.

“...bring offerings & come into his courts”  
Psalm 96:8



MAKE A  
DEDICATION  
TODAY

### Dedications

**Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:**  
The Patterson families in loving memory of The Reverend John R. Peterson

**Chapel Altar Flowers are given by:**

Eric and Jan Williams in memory of Patricia and Carl Simpkins  
The Patterson families in loving memory of The Reverend John R. Peterson  
To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact

*jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570.*

*Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers: \$50 | Chapel Altar Flowers: \$35 |*

*Sanctuary Candle: \$20*

*Available dates: August 17 and 31.*

# Prayer Requests

*Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:*

**All bishops and other ministers:** Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish. **Those who govern:** Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Southwest Florida and our companion dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana. Also: St. Edmund's, Arcadia; Christ Church, Bradenton; St. George's, Bradenton; St. Mary Magdalene, Bradenton; Church of the Annunciation, Holmes Beach; All Angels by the Sea, Longboat Key; Holy Spirit, Osprey.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. **Also remembering in prayer:** Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

**Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families:** Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, and Tyler (Libya).

**Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:** August 10: Julie Norton, Mary Ellen Collins, Brooklyn Bailey, Vincent Masella; August 11: Tom Cassedy, Jill Johnson, Phillip Matson; August 12: Richard Arcuri, Mia Carastro, John Rabbitt, Marie

McClelland, Darryl Petters; August 13: Mike Foley, Grace Andrews, Darren Milling; August 14: Carson Tappan, Michael Eachon, Lee Peterson, Bradley Mackie, Judith Coffey, Tripp Baker; August 15: Janis Elliott, Grace Tellekamp, Parker Fluharty, Mira Velez, Daniel Szczepanik; August 16: Zachary Smith, Trevor Watkins. **The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:** Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Pam, Shailee, and Courtney;

Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks; Carleton Compton, Richard; Michael Wood; Tor, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Patrick D., Ron, Yvonne, Carey, Scott, Nancy C., Joan, Lane, Juliette, Jack, Miriam, Terrie and Ric, Suzanne, Minnie, Jessica, Jackson, Will, Carlos, Kenneth, Peter, Armando, Berta, Elias, Charlie, Michael, Mary, Susan, Adair,

Ellie, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**The departed:** Donna Leatherman

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Assisting in Today's Services

**Altar Guild:** Trish McKay, Nancy Watkins, Cece Lane, Janice Straske, Vera Farmen, Lisa Leal, Laura Silva, Perry Soash; **Linens:** Yvonne Santiago; **Acolytes:** 8:00 Greg Gaar, 9:30 Grace Tellekamp, Elizabeth Welch, Maggie Welch; **Chalice:** Helen Tunquist; **Lectors:** 8:00 Rich Hadlow; 9:30 Helen Turnquist, Bailey Turnquist, Norm Allen; **Ushers:** 8:00 Ken E. Lane, Daoud Georgis; 9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers, John Marston, Jeff Mitchell; **Verger:** Greg Gaar; **Subdeacon:** Dave Kenyon

## Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or preparing for surgery, please let us know. Hospitals cannot contact us due to privacy laws.

**To notify us or request pastoral care:**

Parish Office: 813.259.1570 |  
[parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org)

Pastoral Emergencies: 813.726.3108  
Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741 | Fr. Andrew: 713.302.6262  
Dcn. Caroline: 941.320.6686 | Dcn. Tania: 443.742.6542  
Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337  
Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

## Stay Connected

**Weekly Email** – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* by emailing Dcn. Caroline at [cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org)

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**Sermons** – Watch weekly sermons on YouTube, Facebook, or via the link in our Instagram bio

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**Online:**

[stjohnstampa.org/stewardship](http://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship)

**Text:**

Text **SJE** to **73256**

**QR Code:** Scan here or in the service bulletin